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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/592,004	Applicant(s) YOSHITOMI, BUNJI	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-14 are pending.

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Preliminary Amendment

The Preliminary Amendment filed September 7, 2006, has been received and entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statements (IDSs) submitted on January 2, 2009 and September 7, 2006 were entered. The submissions are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statements are being considered by the examiner.

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed April 30, 2009, has been received and entered.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 1-9 and 12 in the reply filed on April 30, 2009, is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that amendment to claim 8 makes all claims depend from the elected group. This is found persuasive and the restriction requirement has been removed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2 and 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP-B-56-48129, cited on enclosed PTO-1449 Form.

Claims are drawn to eyeballs of krill and process for reducing water content (e.g. using heat), therefore, using physical impact (e.g. sieve and grading machine) and releasing eyeballs from the body and recovering them.

JP-B-56-48129 teaches eyeballs of krill and process for reducing water content (e.g. using heat), therefore, using physical impact (e.g. sieve and grading machine) and releasing eyeballs from the body and recovering them. Note page 2, lines 1-25 and page 3, lines 1-22 and page 8, line 2.

Claims 3-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP English Abstract, cited on enclosed PTO-892 Form.

Claims are drawn to a method of using a aggregate of eyeballs of a crustacean as a source of carotenoids and subjected to solvent extraction to obtain carotenoid from krill for use in food.

JP English Abstract teaches a method of using an aggregate of a crustacean as a source of carotenoids and subjected to solvent extraction to obtain carotenoid from krill for use in food.

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The claims are identical to the cited disclosure and the eyeballs of krill is inherent because the whole krill is crushed and the eyeballs are considered to be included with the whole krill at the time of crushing to obtain the pigment from krill. See abstract.

All claims fail to be patentably distinguishable over the state of the art discussed above and cited on the enclosed PTO-892 and/or PTO-1449. Therefore, the claims are properly rejected.

The remaining references listed on the enclosed PTO-892 and/or PTO-1449 are cited to further show the state of the art.

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DEBBIE K. WARE whose telephone number is (571)272-0924. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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